

The College of Charleston is excited to host the ICSA Match Race National Championship on November 20-22, 2015

J. Stewart Walker Sailing Center

 The event will be held out of the J. Stewart Walker Sailing Center, located in the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina at 20 Patriots Point Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.



Sailing venue and the C of C Sailing Complex

The College of Charleston sailing venue is located on the Cooper River in the northwest corner of the Charleston Harbor, adjacent to the historic aircraft carrier, the Yorktown. We have 3 different sailing areas to choose from, depending on breeze and current. In the previous picture we may sail in the far upper right corner almost under the bridge, in "the marsh". In ideal conditions we will sail in center picture directly to the left of the Yorktown, in "The River". We can also sail around the corner of the marina to the south (lower right in the picture) on "Crab Bank", or to the south of the shipping channel in the heart of Charleston Harbor. We will utilize additional motor boats for coaches and extras to observe the racing from. Regular motor boat shuttles to the south end of the marina, and the rest rooms, would be organized for convenience. Rarely do we find less than acceptable sailing in Charleston!

Meet the PRO: Alana O'Reilly



Alana graduated from the College of Charleston in 2006. She was named to the Inter-Collegiate All America team in 2005 and 2006, won the Madeleine Trophy for A-division low point skipper at the 2006 College Nationals, and was named the Quantum Female College Sailor of the Year. Alana conducted an Olympic campaign in 2011-2012 and finished second in the Olympic Trials as well as third in the Woman's Match Racing World Championship.

Meet the Chief Umpire: Steve Wrigley

 Steve has served both on and off the water in World Championships, North American Championships and National Championships for: J/24's, J/22's, Etchells, Melges 24's, Farr 40's and many other fleets as an International Judge, International Umpire, US Sailing National Umpire and US Sailing Senior Judge.

Walker Cup

• The newly formed College of Charleston Yacht Club is hosting the inaugural Walker Cup February 28th- March 1st. This match race event will feature teams including Annapolis YC, New York YC, Newport Harbor YC, and several others. We look forward to having Alana and Steve help run this event.

Weather

 Fall temperatures in Charleston can range from the lower 50's to the upper 70's and the month of November can provide a variety of sailing conditions. The water has had time to cool off but we can still see nice southerly winds in the 10-15 knot range. Frontal wind conditions are also a possibility. Of course here is the disclaimer: - once a predicted "normal" weather pattern is put to print it will never materialize!

Sailboats



- We have 10 identical 2014 Waterline J-22's.
- We have 10 sets of 2014 North Sails.

Support and Lodging

- There are a number of different hotels close by the Sailing Center at Patriots Point of varying rates and amenities. Most offer nice discounts if College of Charleston Sailing is mentioned at check in. A sizable list is available. Of course the Charleston Harbor Resort, our "on site" hotel, often offers special rates for C of C events.
- Recently voted the number one tourist destination in the world (true fact!), Charleston's International Airport (CHS) is 25 minutes from the sailing center and nearby hotels. Inexpensive shuttles regularly run from the North Charleston airport to spots in Mt. Pleasant near Patriots Point. US Air, Delta and Southwest are just 3 of the most popular airlines flying regularly to the northeast and west.

Other valuable stops within 10 minutes of the Sailing Center

 There are a number of great restaurants at all price ranges adjacent to Patriots Point and the hotels. Grocery stores, sub shops, car repair shops, marine supply, clothing stores, and of course: 2 ice cream stops all close by. The popular beaches at Sullivan's Island and Isle of Palms are 10 minutes away from the sailing center.





We look forward to hosting the 2015 ICSA Match Race Nationals!

